

**MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA ITEM:****June 2016**

**CONSIDERATION TO DISCIPLINE THE LICENSE TO TEACH  
OF JANET C. WILLIAMS, CASE # HR 16-021**

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY:**

Section 168.071, RSMo

☐Consent  
Item☒Action  
Item☐Report  
Item**DEPARTMENT GOAL NO. 3:**

Missouri will prepare, develop, and support effective educators.

**SUMMARY:**

Mo. Rev. Stat. §168.071 authorizes the State Board of Education to discipline certificates of license to teach, which includes the authority to resolve issues by consent agreement or agreed settlement or voluntary surrender of the certificate of license. 5 CSR 20-400.230 provides that the State Board of Education may accept a voluntary surrender or informally settle a case through a consent agreement or agreed settlement.

Janet C. Williams currently holds a lifetime certificate of license to teach in the areas of Learning Disabled, grades K–12; Mental Handicaps, grades K–12; and Elementary Education, grades K–12.

On October 5, 2015, Ms. Williams pled guilty and received and suspended execution of sentence (SES) to the Misdemeanor, Assault in the Third Degree. Ms. Williams was placed on two years of unsupervised probation.

On May 11, 2016, a Settlement Agreement Between the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and Janet C. Williams was received. Ms. Williams has agreed to surrender her certificate of license to teach and to not seek another certificate to teach in the State of Missouri. The parties have agreed that this settlement agreement should be submitted to the State Board of Education for consideration.

**PRESENTER:**

William R. Thornton, General Counsel, will participate in the presentation and discussion of this agenda item.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Department recommends that the State Board of Education accept the surrender of Janet C. Williams' teaching certificate pursuant to its authority under Mo. Rev. Stat. § 168.071 (Supp. 2014).